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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 May 2010.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,5-9 and 12-23 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 7-9, 17 and 18 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,5,6,12-16 and 19-23 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. Applicant's arguments filed on 01/14/2009 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.
2. The applicant argues (see pages 8-11) that **Kawaguchi**'s gate line side corresponding to the left side or the right side of the liquid crystal panel 10, not the one corner between the first gate pad and the first data pad. The examiner respectfully disagrees. Figure (1A) of Kawaguchi just shows a portion of the peripheral part of the liquid crystal panel. Therefore, when a full peripheral part is shown, the first and second line-on glass signal lines and pads should be in between the first gate pad and the first data pad. In fact, **Kawaguchi** (figure 1A) discloses a line-on glass liquid crystal display panel, including the first and second line-on glass signal pads being in one corner of the outer area of the picture display part; wherein the one corner of the outer area of the picture display part is defined between the first gate pad and the first data pad.
3. A corner is the space between two converging lines or surfaces near their intersection. In addition, any line can be the first gate line (or the first data line). Therefore, a corner between the first gate pad and the first data pad (or the first gate line and the first data line) can be the space between any first gate line and any first data line. Applicant should also note that figure 5 is the prior art, not Kawaguchi's actual invention.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

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a. A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

5. **Claims 21-22** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by **Kawaguchi (US 6,052,171)**.

6. Regarding **claim 21, Kawaguchi** (figure 1A) discloses a line-on glass liquid crystal display panel, comprising:

- a picture display part with a matrix of liquid crystal cells having a plurality of gate lines and data lines to cross each other (see at least column 4, lines 10-20)
- **Kawaguchi** (figure 1A) implicitly discloses a gate pad and a data pad to drive the gate lines and data lines, respectively, the gate pad and the data pad are formed in an outer area of the picture display part of a lower substrate;
- a plurality of line-on glass type signal lines (13; see at least column 6, lines 60-65) located in one corner of the outer area of the picture display part of the lower substrate for applying drive signals to drive the liquid crystal cells, wherein the one corner is between the gate pad and the data pad; and
- a common voltage line (12) located in the one corner, wherein the common voltage line is most adjacent to the gate pad and the data pad (according to figure 4 of the instant application, the common voltage line 52 is most adjacent to the pads while having other pads/ lines in between. Therefore, the common voltage line as disclosed by **Kawaguchi** is also most adjacent to the pads).

7. Regarding **claim 22, Kawaguchi** (figure 1A) discloses the gate signal lines are Vgl, Vet, Vgh, GOE, GSC, GSP.

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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

8. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

9. **Claims 1, 5-6, 12-16** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over

Kawaguchi (US 6,052,171) in view of **Kim et al. (KR 10-1999-0024956)**.

10. Regarding **claim 1, Kawaguchi** (figure 1A) discloses a line-on glass liquid crystal display panel, comprising:

- a picture display part having liquid crystal cells at each intersection of first ~ n(th) gate lines and first ~ n(th) data lines (see at least column 4, lines 10-20);
- **Kawaguchi** (figure 1A) implicitly discloses first ~ n(th) data pads extended from the first ~ n(th) data lines in an outer area of the picture display part; first ~ n(th) gate pads extended from the first ~ n(th) gate lines in the outer area of the picture display part; a plurality of first line-on glass signal pads formed just beside the first gate pads and a plurality of second line-on glass signal pads formed just beside the first gate pads; the first and second line-on glass signal pads being in one corner of the outer area of the picture display part; wherein the one corner of the outer area of the picture display part is defined between the first gate pad and the first data pad;
- a plurality of line-on glass type signal lines (13; see at least column 6, lines 60-65) connecting the first and second line-on glass signal pads in the corner of the outer area of

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the picture display part for applying gate power voltage signals and gate control signals to gate drive ICs in order to drive gate signal lines of the picture display part; and

- **Kawaguchi** (figure 1A) implicitly discloses a plurality of first dummy pads between the first line-on glass type signal pads and a plurality of second dummy pads between the second line-on glass type signal pads; and
- a plurality of dummy lines (12) connecting the first and second dummy pads in the one corner of the outer area of the picture display part, wherein the plurality of dummy lines are formed between the line-on glass type signal lines for applying a common voltage as a reference voltage to drive the liquid crystal cells,

11. **Kawaguchi** is silent regarding forming the insulating layer. **Kim et al.** (in at least paragraph 22, figures 1, 3-4, 6) teaches the insulating film covers the plurality of line-on glass type signal lines and the dummy line (700) is formed on the layer of the insulating film (640). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine the insulating film as taught by **Kim et al.** because such modification would reduce the EMI effect and the wireless frequency interference.

12. Regarding **claim 5**, **Kim et al.** (figures 1, 3-4, 6) discloses the line-on glass type signal lines (620) are formed in a same layer as the gate line (621) of the picture display part.

13. Regarding **claim 6**, **Kim et al.** (figures 1, 3-4, 6) discloses the dummy line (700) is formed in a same layer as a data line (621, figure 4) of the picture display part with a gate insulating film therebetween (640).

14. Regarding **claim 12**, **Kawaguchi** (figure 1A) discloses a fabricating method of a line-on glass liquid crystal display panel, comprising:

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- forming first ~ n(th) gate lines in a picture display part and a plurality of line-on glass signal lines (13; see at least column 6, lines 60-65) in one corner of an outer area of the picture display part on a substrate for applying gate power voltage signals and gate control signals to gate drive ICs in order to drive gate signal lines of the picture display part (see at least column 4, lines 30-35);
- forming first ~ n(th) data lines (11) to cross the first ~ n(th) gate lines in a picture display part and a dummy line (12) that is located between the line-on glass signal lines for applying a common voltage as a reference voltage; and
- **Kawaguchi** (figure 1A) implicitly discloses forming first ~ n(th) data pads extended from the first ~ n(th) data lines and first ~ n(th) gate pads extended from the first ~ n(th) gate lines in the outer area of the picture display part and forming first and second line-on glass signal pads just beside the first data pad and the first gate pad, respectively, and first dummy pads between the first line-on glass signal pads and second dummy pads between the second line-on glass pads, respectively, in one corner of the outer area of the picture display part; wherein the one corner of the outer area of the picture display part is defined between the first gate pad and the first data pad;
- wherein each of the plurality of the line-on glass signal lines is connected between the first and the second line-on glass signal pads in the one corner of the outer area of the picture display part.

15. **Kawaguchi** is silent regarding forming the insulating layer. **Kim et al.** (in at least paragraph 22, figures 1, 3-4, 6) teaches forming at least one layer of insulating film (640) to cover the line-on glass type signal lines (620 or 621) and the dummy line (700) is formed on the

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layer of the insulating film (see at least paragraph 0039). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine the insulating film as taught by **Kim et al.** because such modification would reduce the EMI effect and the wireless frequency interference.

16. Regarding **claim 13, Kim et al.** (figures 1, 3-4, 6) discloses forming a gate electrode connected to the gate line of the picture display part on the substrate; forming a gate insulating film (660) on the substrate on which the gate line and the gate electrode are formed; forming a semiconductor layer on the gate insulating film; forming a source electrode connected to the data line, and a drain electrode opposite to the source electrode with a designated gap therebetween (630), on the substrate on which the semiconductor is formed; forming a protective film (640) on the substrate where the data line, the source electrode and the drain electrode are formed; and forming a pixel electrode (650) connected to the drain electrode on the protective film.

17. Regarding **claim 14, Kim et al.** (figures 1, 3-4, 6) discloses the line-on glass signal lines are formed of a same metal as a gate line (62').

18. Regarding **claim 15, Kim et al.** (figures 1, 3-4, 6) discloses the dummy line is formed of a same metal as the data line (700 and 621).

19. Regarding **claim 16, Kim et al.** (figures 1, 3-4, 6) discloses the dummy line (700) is formed between the line-on glass type signal lines (620) with the gate insulating film therebetween (640).

20. **Claims 19-20** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over **Kawaguchi** in view of **Kim**; further in view of **Song et al. (US 2002/0008794)**.

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21. Regarding **claim 19, Kawaguchi** (figure 1A) discloses a line-on glass liquid crystal display panel, comprising:

- a picture display part with a matrix of liquid crystal cells having a plurality of gate lines and data lines to cross each other (see at least column 4, lines 10-20)
- **Kawaguchi** (figure 1A) implicitly discloses a gate pad and a data pad to drive the gate lines and data lines, respectively, the gate pad and the data pad are formed in an outer area of the picture display part of a lower substrate;
- a plurality of line-on glass type signal lines (13; see at least column 6, lines 60-65) located in one corner of the outer area of the picture display part of the lower substrate for applying drive signals to drive the liquid crystal cells, wherein the one corner of the outer area of the picture display part is corresponding to between the gate pad and the data pad;
- a plurality of common voltage signal lines (12) for applying a common voltage signal and being formed between the line-on glass lines,
- wherein at least one of the plurality of common voltage lines applies the common voltage signal through a silver(Ag) dot to a common electrode that is formed on an entire surface of an upper substrate (14).

22. **Kawaguchi** is silent regarding forming the insulating layer and the silver dot. **Kim et al.** (in at least paragraph 22, figures 1, 3-4, 6) teaches forming an insulating film (640) to cover the line-on glass type signal lines (620 or 621) and common voltage signal lines (700) being formed on the layer of the insulating film (see at least paragraph 0039). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine the insulating

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film as taught by **Kim et al.** because such modification would reduce the EMI effect and the wireless frequency interference.

23. In addition, **Song et al.** (in at least paragraph 0014, figure 4) teaches at least one of the plurality of common voltage lines applies the common voltage signal through a silver(Ag) dot (63) to a common electrode that is formed on an entire surface of an upper substrate. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine the silver dot as taught by **Song et al.** because such modification would provide an electrical connection with the common electrode of the upper substrate.

24. Regarding **claim 20**, **Kawaguchi** (figure 1A) discloses the line-on glass liquid crystal display panel according to claim 19, wherein the gate signal lines are Vgl, Vcc, Vgh, GOE, GSC, OSP.

25. Regarding **claim 22**, **Kawaguchi** (figure 1A) discloses the gate signal lines are Vgl, Vet, Vgh, GOE, GSC, GSP.

26. **Claim 23** is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over **Kawaguchi** in view of **Song et al. (US 2002/0008794)**.

27. Regarding **claim 23**, **Kawaguchi** discloses the limitations as shown in the rejection of **claim 21** above. However, **Kawaguchi** is silent regarding forming the silver dot. **Song et al.** (in at least paragraph 0014, figure 4) teaches the common voltage lines applies the common voltage signal through a silver(Ag) dot (63) to a common electrode that is formed on an entire surface of an upper substrate. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine the silver dot as taught by **Song et al.** because such

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modification would provide an electrical connection with the common electrode of the upper substrate.

Conclusion

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a).

Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Nelms can be reached on (571) 272-1787. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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